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**2020 BudCom Study Committee
Minutes
Thursday, October 1, 2020**

Meeting attendees via Zoom: Drew Kellner, Eric Pauer, Karen Jew, Gaylord Sledge, Matthew Mailloux

Eric opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Eric stated that we were meeting electronically under the Executive Order 2020-04, and the Emergency Meeting Orders #12 and #23 which allow for remote meetings. Eric asked each Board member to verify per the order where they are, why they are there, can they hear everyone, and if anyone is present with them. All members responded.

Review and approve minutes

Drew made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2020 as amended. Karen seconded. Roll call vote 5-0 to approve.

Review actions assigned at last meeting

The meeting was spent reviewing the latest version of the Power Point presentation and the draft BudCom study report.

Discussion of Draft Presentation/Report Assignments

Matt - confirmed that the data supplied from the MS636's and MS737's were correct as populated. The school district still needs to be confirmed.

Drew - requested that the variance between the budget committee recommendations versus the selectboard recommendations be researched further and the same for the school board recommendations. There needs to an answer to why the budget committee recommendation is higher than the selectboards recommendation.

Eric – contacted the NHMA and confirmed that the selectboard has the authority to change the size of a Finance Advisory committee.

Eric – discussed the two options to set up a budget committee if one was chosen by voters. The voters can chose whether people are permanently appointed to the budget committee by the moderator (RSA 32:15.2), or permanently elected to the

budget committee (RSA 32:15.3). Under the election process the members would be appointed in the first year.

Matt – two of the three members of the current Finance committee confirmed that they would be willing to serve going forward.

Eric – the percentage increase for the budget committee is skewed higher than the selectboard increase by the budget committees' lower baseline in 2015. The dollars recommended are less.

Eric – reviewed the BudCom Study report.

Drew – let's review the study report over the next two weeks.

Updates to Selectboard, Brookline School Board

Delivery date of presentation to Selectboard and School Board

Presentation recommendations for October 22, 2020 – Eric will open and close, Matt will discuss quantitative data, Karen or Drew will discuss qualitative information.

Other business

Actions for next meeting

Matt – will request 2014 voter approved operating budget from the MS636's and MS22's from the DRA for each town and school district. He will use 2014 as the baseline data for the peer graphs by type.

Matt – will send the raw data to the committee members for further review.

Eric – will send out the study report for review by the committee. The committee will send any suggestions or mark ups back to Eric.

Confirm next meeting date

The next meeting will be October 8, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.